

35. (New) The hub of claim 29, wherein the strain relief includes a generally helical portion extending from proximate the proximal end of the distal portion to proximate the distal end of the distal portion.

36. (New) The hub of claim 27, wherein the connector is a threaded connector.

37. (New) The hub of claim 27, wherein the distal portion includes transversely extending wings

38. (New) The hub of claim 27, wherein the hub is made of nylon.

39. (New) The hub of claim 27, wherein the hub is made of PEBA.

40. (New) The hub of claim 27, wherein a lumen extends at an angle from the proximal portion of the hub and connects with the lumen therein.

Remarks

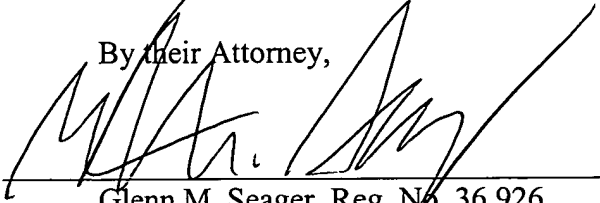
Applicants request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered and considered before the first Office Action on the merits. Any inquiry regarding this matter may be directed to the undersigned representative at (612) 677-9050.

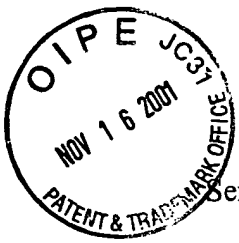
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Claim 1 has been cancelled.

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